

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2154**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuma AOKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2154

Application No.: 10/671,686

Examiner: M. KEEFER

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Docket No.: 117025

For: COMMUNICATION DEVICE PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO ITS SERVICES VIA USER INTERVENTION AND A METHOD THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the September 5, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-20 are pending.

The Office Action fails to object to, or reject claims 4 and 8. It is thus assumed that these claims contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki et al. (Susaki), U.S. Patent No. 6,189,032, in view of Shitama, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0110123. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 calls for a communication device with a controller that allows a user of a communication device to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted

or rejected when it is determined that the request came in from the WAN. Claim 11 is a method claim and claim 20 is an apparatus claim that call for similar features.

Susaki fails to disclose the above feature because Susaki fails to provide any disclosure with regard to the WAN. Susaki states that the server 2 is mutually connected through a communication network 3 such as a LAN (col. 6, lines 11-12). Susaki fails to provide any disclosure with regard to a WAN and thus fails to provide any disclosure with regard to determining if a request came in from a WAN or allowing a user to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected when it is determined that the request came in from the WAN as called for by claims 1, 11 and 20.

In view of the comments presented on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, Susaki's Fig. 1 fails to disclose the server 2 as being connected to the WAN. Susaki's col. 9, lines 38-48 and col. 10, lines 1-7 discuss using a service approval request processor 206 that determines if approval is required. However, requiring user approval is based on a process control rule. Susaki's process control rule does not consider whether a request came in from the WAN. Susaki again fails to discuss using a WAN and thus fails to disclose allowing a user to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected when it is determined that the request came in from the WAN as called for by claims 1, 11 and 20.

Shitama fails to overcome the deficiencies of Susaki because Shitama fails to discuss allowing a user to make any determination. Instead of using a user, Shitama instead extracts information from the data packet received by the gateway 30 and compares the extracted information with an access permission list stored in the storage unit 35 (paragraph [0068], for example).

Because both Susaki and Shitama both fail to disclose allowing a user to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected when it is determined that

the request came in from the WAN as called for by claims 1, 11 and 20, the combination of Shitama and Susuki fails to suggest all of the features of claims 1, 11 and 20.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki in view of Shitama and Joubert et al. (Joubert), U.S. Patent No. 6,101,616, claims 5 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki in view of Shitama and Allen et al. (Allen), U.S. Publication No. 2003/0041333, and claims 10 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Susaki in view of Shitama and Boehmke et al. (Boehmke), U.S. Publication No. 2002/0126822. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of Joubert, Allen and Boehmke overcome the deficiencies of Susaki and Shitama as applied to independent claims 1, 11 and 20. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 11 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shitama in view of Kimura, U.S. Publication No. 2001/0048744. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Shitama fails to discuss allowing a user to make any determination and thus fails to disclose allowing a user to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected when it is determined that the request came in from the WAN as called for by claims 1, 11 and 20.

Kimura discusses the security of a wireless LAN system (paragraph [0017], for example). Like Susaki, Kimura also fails to provide any disclosure with regard to a WAN and thus fails to provide any disclosure with regard to determining if a request came in from a WAN or allowing a user to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected when it is determined that the request came in from the WAN as called for by claims 1, 11 and 20.

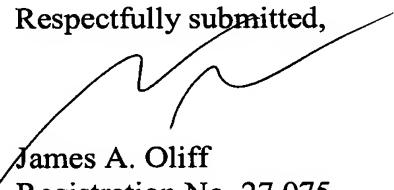
In reply to the comments on page 12 of the Office Action, Applicants asserts that the concept of requiring user intervention when it is determined that a request came in from a WAN is not well known or obvious in the art. Applicants make this assertion because none of the references that were applied in the Office Action discuss allowing a user to determine whether an operation according to a request is accepted or rejected when it is determined that the request came in from the WAN as called for by claims 1, 11 and 20.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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